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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/937,351	WELCH ET AL.	
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	Corey D. Mack	2855	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Corey D. Mack. (3) Joshua N. Randall.
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Date of Interview: 13 July 2004.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 20, 24 and 28.

Identification of prior art discussed: Satake, et al. (US 5,798,466).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.


Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative, attorney Randall, indicated that applicant would consider amending claims 1 and 20 to add limitations that would further and more clearly define applicant's invention in an effort to overcome the cited prior art. The proposed additions would be directed towards defining that the outlet aperture of chamber would be continuously occupied by material throughout each step of the method. The examiners indicated to attorney Randall that claims 24-32 are directed towards a different invention that is independent from claims 1-23 and would be subject to a restriction requirement. Attorney Randall indicated that claims 33-36 would be cancelled. Attorney Randall also indicated that an amendment and response would be filed.